



# CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

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### **City of Falls Church Reaches Milestone in Green Power Community Challenge** *50 Percent of Goal Reached to Become Virginia's First Green Power Community*

The City of Falls Church is well on its way to becoming Virginia's first EPA Green Power Community. About 1,800 megawatt hours (MWhs) of renewable energy, or more than half of the 4,371 MWh goal, has been purchased by residents, businesses, and the City government. The goal is to support three percent of the community's annual electricity usage with renewable energy.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to help the City reach its goal by purchasing Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) through programs like Dominion Green Power®, or producing renewable green power on-site with solar, geo-thermal, or wind. For more information on REC providers or installing renewable energy-producing equipment, please visit:  
[www.fallschurchva.gov/GreenPower](http://www.fallschurchva.gov/GreenPower).

"Enrolling in programs like the Dominion Green Power program is a great option for residents of the City of Falls Church to show their support for clean energy technologies and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, while collectively helping the City achieve its goal of becoming a Green Power Community," said Johannah Barry, City of Falls Church Council Member.

The City of Falls Church is currently purchasing renewable energy equal to five percent of its total electricity use. This has qualified the City to become an official EPA Green Power Partner.

If successful in becoming an EPA Green Power Community, the City of Falls Church will join 45 other communities across the United States in committing to match a portion of their total electricity use with renewable energy. EPA Green Power Communities can be found in more than a dozen states from Texas to Philadelphia. Falls Church is attempting to become the first in the Commonwealth on Virginia.

## Related Links

- City's Green Power Community Challenge Website: [www.fallschurchva.gov/GreenPower](http://www.fallschurchva.gov/GreenPower)
- Windmill graphic showing 1,800 MWhs purchased by community: <http://bit.ly/16evli3>.

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